

## CLAIMS

[1] An automatic paper feeder supplying paper to an apparatus such as a printer or a scanner, comprising:

a separation pad, pressing the paper against a pick roller so as to feed the paper one by one; and

pad pressing means, applying pressure to the separation pad so as to press the separation pad against a surface of the pick roller,

wherein the pad pressing means is formed in a reverse U-shape so that the separation pad is arranged such as to be pressed at two front and rear portions thereof against the surface of the pick roller, and

wherein the pad pressing means is structured to be rotatable back and forth with respect to a rotating direction of the pick roller about a fulcrum where pressure is applied to the pad pressing means.

[2] The automatic paper feeder according to claim 1, further comprising: a rotating arm arranged so that the entire pad pressing means is rotatable about a predetermined position.

[3] The automatic paper feeder according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the fulcrum where the pressure is applied to the pad pressing means is arranged such as to be movable back and forth depending on a type of paper which is fed.